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Margo Russell

March 7, 1989

John J. Ford Jr.
Post Office Box 10317
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Dear John:--

Six inches of glaring ice and drifting snow to relieve the tundra look greeted us this morning. (I like to think you and Joan are basking in the glow of the Arizona sun.)

What better time for this errant person to apologize for the delay in acknowledging your briefing papers relating to the revival of the American Numismatic Society's The American Journal of Numismatics! I'm always happy to turn my thoughts to the wonderful world of numismatics!

I've been tending to another of my worlds as a board member with oversight for eight retirement communities in Ohio (Ohio Presbyterian (but ecumenical) Retirement Services). I'm proud to say we're No. 3 in the nation in the fastest growing industry in the USA. Hot!

Here's my theory: God meant for me to work for OPRS to cushion, to condition me for my own aging which I refuse to acknowledge!

Just like you, I've observed! Actually, you know you sort of remind me of Tom Wolfe a la best seller, Bonfire/Vanities. . .

Speaking of bonfires, we are grateful to you for heating up revival talk for the American Numismatic Society's TAJN. Thank you for stimulating our thinking. In my opinion, shared by several of my fellow Councillors in informal discussions these past weeks, prospects of a renewal of the Society's Journal would further point up the American strengths of the Society.

The Council and the Staff are pleased with the success of the Coinage of the Americas Conferences introduced in 1984 by Harry Bass during his ANS presidency and continued enthusiastically by Harry Fowler. COAC publications and slides sets demonstrate the Society recognizes its reponsibility toward its American roots.

This was brought about without diminishing in any way the Society's role as the world leader in numismatic scholarship--thanks to the dedicated, hard-working curators and staff. I marvel how they do it!

John (Jack) Leggett Jr. for several years has been an ardent advocate of a publication such as the TAJN with a modern format. You may not know him; he is one of our most dedicated Councillors. Jack will be delighted to know of your interest and that of other numismatists you have enlisted. You may be certain we will discuss the TAJN informally at the March 28 executive committee meeting. Les Elam assures us it is on the formal agenda for the April 15 Council meeting. I know he will keep you informed.

Because you are an action kind of guy, I appreciate your wish for movement and your generosity to bring it about. I, too, have a deeply-entrenched deadline mentality but I've learned important things can't be accomplished overnight.

The ANS Council and staff continue to study ways and means to carry out the Society's goals and priorities carefully crafted in 1985 and adopted by the Council for the proper growth of the Society. Our current endowment campaign is part of this plan, and has occupied a lot of our time and energy.

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My big personal disappointment is the lack of support from the Professional Numismatist Guild Inc. as our endowment campaign enters its final phase. I had such faith that of all people, PNG's image-conscious top-drawer dealers would have the vision to realize the significance of a PNG/United States chair at the American Numismatic Society. I don't think a total of $5,000 from each member pro-rated over a three or five-year period was asking too much. Do you?

I promised to devote myself after retirement from Coin World glory days to numismatics with the most meaning. Of course, it is ANS. I like the direction we are taking without diminishing the tradition and the substance. TAJN would be another big step.

So again, thanks, John Ford, for the bonfire!

Best, always,

Leslie Elam

Margo Russell called me 3/8/89 about Stephen Nagy with information from Harry Forman

Heard that Nagy had done time. I told her I had tried to check this out but couldn't find anything.

Nagy Died in 1959 at age 79. He was a pal of Haseltine etc
Had Coin Shop on S. 18th St Phila.
Professional swimmer, Good athlete up to death.

Earl Moore is a nephew of Nagy. When Nagy died some documents and materials were turned over to Hester Merkin, to Stacks and to Smith Sonian ~~[illegible]~~ with embargo that they were not to be exhibited for 50 years.

Nagy had lots of friends at the Hunt.

Harry bought $50 gold pattern from Nagy

U.S. Bonds before 1800 (1795) were in the estate of Nagy + put in Freeman auction who put them in bushel baskets to sell.
Hester Merkin went thru the baskets with Kathy Bullower + Earl. and they were very disappointed that the items were being sold that way.

I told Margo that some things got loose.

9/22/90 Spoke to Kathy Bullowa Moore in the presence of Margo Russell at ANS.

I asked Kathy what she knew about the gift of some of Nagy's items to Smithsonian. She promptly told me not take it up with her husband Earl Moore because, even if Nagy was his uncle, Earl did not know much about this matter. I asked who handled the gift and she said that Lester Merkin handled the matter and that Stacks gave the money for the gift to be made possible. I asked what was in the group of items and she said there were dies and she thought some Templeton Reid pieces which could have been fakes. I asked whether there were punches and she said no. I asked how many dies and she got vague about the matter. She said there were some items removed before the gift was made. She then changed the subject to not liking Lester Merkin — stating that he played up to Charles Wormser's wife before he died by visiting almost every other day and then getting to handle Charles Wormser's coins. She said they were sold when Mrs Wormser needed money to Mr Kevin Lipton who she thought gave Merkin a kick back and the coins were put in a Superior Auction & sold for $6,000,000 as part of some other estate (Buddy Effron) and that Mrs. Wormser got fipped unmercifully.

I asked her if she could look up any records she had about what the gift to Smithsonian or the Nagy items consisted of. She said she would try.

Apparently Earl + Kathy are not getting along as he is in Florida most of the time. She is in Phila.

Earlier in the day Kathy showed me a picture of a Naples 1799 coin found in the Philadelphia highway mud and I gave her the citation of my work on the dig.

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Mrs. Catherine Bullowa
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Dear Cathy:

The thought just struck me that you might not know that I have not seen the additional Pioneer Trial pieces from the Nagy Estate. Walter has, but WB really doesn't know too much about this series. Before I can start wrapping anything up for you, I would like to see these additional coins as itemized in my last letter to you.

Also, I may be able to make you an alternative offer of approximately $5000.00 plus for all of the Pioneer material and the box of dies alone. Please get in touch with me, preferably by telephone, at your convenience, so I can take steps to implement some kind of a deal with and for you.

My situation is completely flexible, but my angel is primarily interested in Pioneer, and with his financial help I can do a lot of research I couldn't afford to do personally or that the business could not carry.

Do let me hear from you! Hoping that you have a very happy holiday season and that the 1959 is really good to you and yours, I remain,

Sincerely,

John J. Ford, Jr.

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To: Eric Newman

9/25/90

Enclosed is the whole "shooting match" Maybe I should leave it with you and thus not have to destroy it at a later time (??!)

By the way — do you have any coins we could use in our Spring Mail Sale — duplicates or "what-have-you"? I'd need ~~Feb~~ '91 and sale to be in June I think — think positively.

Best,

Cathy

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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September 27, 1990

Ms. Catherine E. Bullowa
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Dear Cathy:

I very much appreciate your note of September 25, 1990 sending us your file on the Nagy material. Your desire to leave it with us seems to be a sound one, and you will have access to it whenever you wish. It will save you any concern in destroying it at a later date.

I am enclosing a check for your postage cost and appreciate your promptness. I will tell Margo what has occurred.

In accordance with your request, I am enclosing a photocopy of the article I wrote entitled "The Philadelphia Highway Coin Find." You will note in it that a number of foreign pieces were brought to my attention but not one of the Naples type which you told me about in New York.

I try to be numismatically non-commercial, as you may know, and do not sell, but if there is a change in the situation, I will be delighted to take the matter up with you.

I look forward to seeing you again in New York on October 12, and thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Eric

Eric P. Newman

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